Proclamation

WHEREAS, Deputy Fire Chief Michael Fisher will officially retire on from the Alameda Fire Department on July 16, 2011, after serving the City of Alameda for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Fisher began his long career with the Alameda Fire Department on January 31, 1983, when he was hired as a Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Fire Chief Fisher rose through the ranks of the department, serving as a Lieutenant for four years, a Captain for five years; an Assistant Fire Chief/Division Chief for 12 years, and as the City's Fire Marshall for six years; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Fisher was appointed to his current role as Deputy Fire Chief of Operations in December 2009 and ably served as the department's Interim Fire Chief from November 2010 to May 2011; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the department, Deputy Chief Fisher was actively involved in the management of the department's various communications programs, including assisting in the consolidation of several fire agencies in Alameda County into one all-fire dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Fisher was instrumental in shepherding the City's application for annexation into the Alameda County Emergency Services District through the Local Agency Formation Commission process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Marie L. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, join my City Council colleagues in extending our heartfelt thanks to Deputy Chief Fisher for his many years of faithful City service and wishing him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Marie L. Gilmore Mayor